



Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee

1st Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'

Monday June 10, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George 'Andy' Anderson, Lance 'Scott' Garver,
Michael Petersen, Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas

Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:32

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael Petersen, Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas

Members Absent: Lance 'Scott' Garver

Staff Present: Dennis Speer, Ron Strand, Karen Harker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Petersen made the motion, seconded by Mr. Salvatore. The agenda was then approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from May 13, 2013 and April 22, 2013 as amended to the notes below. Motion was made by Mr. Salvatore and seconded by Mr. Petersen. The minutes were then approved as submitted. Notes: **Mr. Anderson's name should be spelled in all the documents as Anderson not Andersen. Mr. Petersen noticed many hanging sentences that needed to be completed. Asked the recording secretary to go through the documents and make the necessary changes.**

- **Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2013**
- **Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2013**

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comment

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. Continuation of RPD Budget and History: Grants and RDA

Phil Salvatore gave a brief update about the quarks of the software and discussed how the previous finance director gave new numbers in the general government into the public works department. Total grants and matching funds

are two totals in 2011 and 2012. Some years we get them and some years we don't. Mr. Salvatore is still trying to put in numbers for fiscal years 13 and 14. Members of the community asked if they could receive a copy of the excel spreadsheet from Mr. Salvatore. Karen Harker will be sending out the copy of the spreadsheet to the members that are listed in Karen Harker's database. Mr. Salvatore did make a discovery that the RDP budget is slowly going into a decline. The decline is 6.7 to 6.4 percent of the total budget. Stan Ratorja reminded the committee that Admin Overhead could have been the reason for the decline because you will not be seeing that in the budget. Mr. Salvatore also indicated that the RDA only paid for officers in the years 2011 for 2 officer and 2012 300K and only received half of that funding. He believes that RDA funding was not as big of an issue as the committee had once believed. Mr. Salvatore was hoping to show this documentation on an overhead projector and Karen Harker will get that set up for the next meeting so that it can be presented on a whole.

2. Update to Quarterly Report

Mr. Petersen asked Mr. Salvatore when he might have a Quarterly report timeframe for the primer for the RPD Budget for the report. Mr. Salvatore will have something rough for Mr. Petersen at the next meeting. The next quarterly draft is due in August and I will make addition tweaks and continue with historical actions from the committee and from City Council. Some of the other Members please take a look at the meetings, especially the City Council meetings for data regarding Measure L and shoot me a email and I will have you help with the format that I need for the Quarterly report.

3. Discussion of Budget for 2014

Dennis Speer discussed that the budget will again be presented to the City Council on Wednesday June the 19th. Measure L has been established with the funds for the proper departments. Mr. Anderson asked that if there were funds left over, can it go into the street department. Mr. Speer explained that it need to go into the reserve so that we could get a certificate from the State Finance Department that would allow the City to possibly get up to 300K for the Streets Department for repairs and maintenance. Mr. Petersen asked if the Measure L Committee would see the stand alone budget along with a Measure L Budget. Mr. Speer explained that there would be a City Wide budget with the two departments effected by the Measure L and a budget that showed the zero based budgets throughout the whole city. There was discussion with the committee about how the budget would look like without the Measure L funds and that the budget should have been given with the cuts in place without Measure L and then Measure L given back to the departments that would have been allocated the funds by the Measure. The City Council several meetings ago did give 1 million to the public safety and 800k to the public works and that any money left over would go into a reserve fund that was specifically for Measure L. Mr. Speer discussed the Measure L Needs L for the Streets Department and the programmed projects list that the Department presented to the City Council. Karen Harker will send these documents to the members of the committee.

Mr. Anderson discussed his frustration about the amount of money that was cut from the public safety and the public works department and that the parks and recreation department didn't make their cuts but ended up with more money and more staff.

Rebecca Neipp asked how did you determine which department would receive the extra funding and how did it make it into the reserves. This is where a summary of what has happened would be nice so that the lay person can know where the funds have been moved from account to account. I feel that this is where the public can have no confidence because there is no predefined process.

Mr. Taylor asked about full time equivalents up on volunteers and down on officers in the Police Department. Mr. Taylor discussed the full time equivalents in the police department and the public works department. Mr. Speer stated that he would look into this. His concern is that there seemed to be loss of employee there and that the Parks and Recreation had not lost an employee but they were losing Leroy Jackson Park. Chief Strand indicated that he did lose two officers 1 patrol and an at Risk Youth Officer. There will be some overtime but he will be monitoring the situation for a while and if we need to hire more officers will take this back to the City Council. The overtime can cost a little more but can be controlled.

Mr. Petersen would like to take existing budget over the last couple years and make a bar chart for a comparison. He would like to use staff salaries and other line items to do the comparison. To get the salaries he can go to the state controller's website and retrieve that information. Mr. Speer thought it might be a good idea to bring the Finance Director in to a meeting so that she can answer some of the questions that the committee would have. Mr. Taylor thought it would be interesting to show summaries of the budget without the ISF.

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Anderson: No Comments

Mr. Salvatore: I am getting people from the public asking why we are not examining the wastewater fund. There should be another committee who would look at this fund.

Mr. Petersen: Thanks you Chief Strand and Dennis Speer for their information and I look forward to continue to look at the budget and the process.

Chairman Thomas: The City Council meeting was an eye open experience. Believes that some citizens are not taken seriously without pause or

consideration from the City Council. We still need to cry out. I believe that we still need to keep going to the city Council meetings.

SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS

Dennis Speer:

- Karen will email program projects reports and Measure L Needs
- I will invite Rachelle McQuisiton to the next Measure L meeting.
- Invited all members of the Committee to the City Council Meeting on the 19th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Continuation of Review of RPD Budget w/Overhead**

NEXT MEETING: Meeting June 24, 2013

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:55